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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT & ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 12, 2005, Applicants provisionally elects Species C, related to Figures 4-6 and covered by Claims 1-7, 10-12, 14-19, 21, 22, 24-41, 43-46, and 49-53.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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